

GRAYS HARBOR YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE, GOATS, RABBITS, & POULTRY 2022

The purpose of this livestock auction is to provide an incentive to youth to exhibit and sell quality market stock, which have reached marketable size. Both the sellers and the bidders and/or buyers are reminded that the price paid to the seller may not, in fact, reflect the true market price at the time of the sale. It is the desire of the sponsoring groups that the buyers of the animals featured in this sale, will bid sufficiently to cover the individual exhibitor's additional expenses incurred in feeding, fitting, and transporting the animals to this show to gain experience in feeding and the management of market animals.

MARKET ANIMAL OWNERSHIP DEADLINES:

Species	Ownership Deadline	Registration Deadline	Proof of Ownership
Steers	March 31	April 15	Tagged on May 5/21
Hogs	May 1	April 15	Tagged on May 5/21
Turkeys	May 1	April 15	Photo by 5/31
Lambs	May 25	April 15	Tagged on May 5/21
Goats	May 25	April 15	Tagged on May 5/21
Chickens (Pen 3)	June 20	April 15	Photo by 7/10
Rabbits (Pen 3)	July 1 <i>**see rule 33</i>	April 15	Photo by 7/10

*Ownership: Seller must take possession and have in their care by required date

*Proof of Ownership via Photo: Photo taken of animal showcasing unique markings with exhibitor

IN-PERSON AUCTION GUIDELINE:

Topic	In-Person Auction
Membership	4-H or FFA member
Promotion	4-H or FFA member
Paperwork	All GHYLA forms submitted ON TIME <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online registration 4/15 ALL species • Authorization to Sell Form 7/20 to Donna Boyer • GH Co. Fair Entry Form submitted 7/15 to GH Fair
Mandatory Quality Assurance Meeting	Select In-Person time for May 4 th at EHS Student Center: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30 PM • 6:30 PM
Tagging/Proof of Ownership	Tagging at GH Fair for pigs, steers, lambs, goats: May 21 st ~ 8 AM to Noon Photo Proof: turkey by 5/31; pens of 3 by 7/10
Complete Project for Donations	Complete the above list plus: Exhibit at the fair from start to finish including: vet check, weigh-in, show type and fit & show, feed/care project, herdsmanship, raffle pig shift, final clean up & haul out.

The following rules apply to all species and have been set forth by the GHYLA Committee:

MEMBERSHIP/COMMITMENT:

1. Each exhibitor must be enrolled in 4-H (Junior, Intermediate, or Senior) or be a member of an FFA chapter in good standing with the Washington FFA Association and be actively caring for the animal exhibited as a 4-H project or FFA Supervised Agriculture Experience Project in Grays Harbor County. 4-H and FFA members can exhibit through their senior year in high school.
2. Each exhibitor must register their project with the GHYLA through google forms. April 15th is the deadline for all species.
3. Each exhibitor and/or parent must attend the mandatory Quality Assurance meeting in-person. A May meeting will be set up for all exhibitors.
4. Each exhibitor makes a commitment to complete their project by showing at the fair and selling their animal at the auction. Entry forms must be completed in accordance with the division, section, and class number as listed in the Grays Harbor Fair Exhibitor Guide and are due by the deadline printed in the Grays Harbor Fair Exhibitor Guide.
5. All animals registered for the sale will provide proof of ownership based on species. Steers, hogs, lambs, and goats will be tagged in May. Photos of proof of ownership will be required for turkeys by May 31 and pens of 3 chickens and rabbits by July 10.
6. Each exhibitor and/or seller assumes responsibility for securing potential buyers and furnishes the names and addresses to the Livestock Auction Committee by submitting them on the Authorization to Sell Form due July 20 to Donna Boyer. This is so the Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction Committee can contact these prospective buyers and provide them the necessary information on the sale.
7. Each exhibitor can register multiple species and may raise more than one animal of each species, however, only one large animal (steer, hog, lamb, goat or turkey) and/or a pen of three rabbits or chickens can be auctioned through GHYLA. Requirements for each species must be met. Selection decision for the “sale animal” must be specified during the determined weigh-in day.
8. All exhibitors must “complete” their project in order to receive any donations. The animals must be weighed, vet checked, quality checked, judged, complete herdsmanship, and finish clean-up and haul out of livestock.
9. Individual exhibitors are responsible for the care and feeding of their animals until the animal is loaded to transport for processing. Pens/stall space must be cleaned the day the animals are removed from the fairgrounds. If pen/stall space is not cleaned, the cost of cleaning the pen/stall space will be deducted from their auction check.
10. To qualify for the sale, the animal must be a blue or red ribbon animal based on the judge’s discretion. Animals receiving a white ribbon placing are not eligible for the sale. Animals over the maximum weight requirements must earn a blue ribbon in order to sell.
11. Youth participating in the GHYLA will be prepared for a professional photo. The exhibitor must be present with a clean, fitted project and exhibitor appropriately dressed for a professional presentation.
12. Quality Assurance (QA) form is mandatory. A completed QA form is required at the time of weigh-in.
13. Exhibitors may not withdraw their animal from the auction sale after 7:00 PM of the official weigh-in day.
14. Cause for Disqualification:
 - a. Did not attend the mandatory Quality Assurance meeting by having a parent or exhibitor present.
 - b. Authorization to Sell Form not received by July 20.
 - c. Did not solicit buyers and submit their names and addresses to the auction committee by July 20.
 - d. Did not make weight or disqualified by the vet check.
 - e. The animal received a white ribbon placing from the judge that meets within the acceptable weight range. Animals sold that are over the maximum weight limit must be a blue ribbon.
 - f. Did not maintain health/quality standards while in ownership of the exhibitor.
 - g. Entering a non-tagged GHYLA animal or entering an animal not raised by the exhibitor.

FISCAL RULES:

15. A 5% commission consignment fee of the gross sale and 1% commission on all donations will be deducted from the sale of each animal or pen of three. This consignment fee will be used to pay the expenses of the auction.
16. Condemned carcass or loss of animal prior to processing: If an animal is condemned during the slaughter process or is deceased prior to processing, the seller will absorb the loss and the consignment fee will be waived. The buyer's offer becomes void. The slaughter fee will be paid by the Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction Committee.
17. Proceeds from the sale will be distributed to the exhibitors after payment has been received from all GHLYA buyers.
18. Donations will be distributed to exhibitors who "complete" their project (listed in rule 8). Anyone wishing to donate to a student can do so. This does not purchase the animal. Donations can only be accepted as bankable transactions (cash or check). Goods and services will not be considered acceptable donations to be recognized in GHYLA advertising. No personal raffles or auctions are allowed.
19. If the project does not meet weight guidelines or quality standards, the student will receive all collected donations if they complete all the GHYLA paperwork requirements and exhibit and show at the fair. Donations will be returned to the donator if the exhibitor does not meet these expectations.
20. Checks will be mailed to the original address inputted at registration.
21. Any check that is not deposited within 90 days and/or a check that needs to be reissued will be deducted a "stop payment" fee assessed by the bank.

GENERAL RULES:

22. All animals are raised for the purpose of slaughter. No advertising is allowed on any female animal regarding the animal's eligibility for registration or pedigree indicating its use as a breeding animal. No advertising is allowed offering to continue showing the animal after the auction. The animal's show career is over, regardless of ownership, when sold and is not eligible to be shown at any other show or sale beyond the Grays Harbor Livestock Auction.
23. Market animals can be cooperatively raised by a group of members with shared responsibilities identified. It is highly recommended to establish a contract. Sample contracts are available through the 4-H Extension Service and Elma FFA. At final weigh-in, each pen of 3 and/or individual livestock project(s) must be specifically identified and shown by one assigned exhibitor.

AUCTION RULES:

24. How stock can be purchased and how buyers handle stock:
 - a. Anyone can bid and purchase any animal.
 - b. There will be a floor price set by a turn buyer for those buyers who do not wish to take delivery of an animal. In each case, the buyer will pay the difference between this base price and what the buyer bids with the packing house picking up the balance of purchase and taking delivery of the animal.
 - c. There will also be arrangements for the buyer who wants to purchase and have the animals slaughtered and processed for his own use.
 - d. Animals must be paid for at the time of the sale.
25. Recognition for buyers who purchase animals at the sale:
 - a. A banner will be displayed at the GH Co. fairgrounds highlighting the Hall of Fame Supporters.
 - b. There will also be press releases of the sale for publicity of the buyers in appreciation for their support of the sale and the youth producers.
 - c. Social media and other promotional avenues will be used to promote our buyers and donors.
 - d. Buyer gifts/presents will not be allowed to be presented during the auction itself.
26. All animal lots will only be sold once.

SPECIE SPECIFIC RULES:

27. The following rules apply specifically to **BEEF**:
 - a. Beef will be sold by the pound. All sales are final.
 - b. Sellers of market steers must complete a hauling slip. If branded, a Brand Inspection slip must also be completed.
 - c. Sellers of market steers must provide a rope halter, which will not be returned to the exhibitor. This halter must be left on the steer in the barn.
 - d. Beef animals must be steers. Heifers and bulls are not allowed. Animals must be polled or dehorned. Market steers must be all beef breeds and recognized by the commercial meat industry market. Beef/dairy crosses are not allowed.
 - e. **Market steers (1000 lb. minimum weight – no maximum weight) must grade at least USDA High Select and have a Yield Grade of #3 to qualify for the sale. Steers who weigh more than 1500 lbs. will be listed in the sale program as 1500 lbs and must be judged as a blue ribbon in order to be sold at the GHYLA.**
 - f. The age of the steers must be no older than 25 months of age. Ribbon placing will be at the discretion of the official judge based on yield grade and quality grade.

28. The following rules apply specifically to **SHEEP**:
 - a. All sheep must have scrapies identification.
 - b. Sheep will be sold by the pound. All sales are final.
 - c. Market lambs must be ewes or wethers, and must be recognized meat breeds.
 - d. Market lambs (**90 lb. minimum weight and no maximum weight**) must grade at least USDA Choice or better to qualify for sale. **Lambs who weigh more than 150 lbs will be listed in the sale program as 150 lbs. must be judged as a blue ribbon in order to be sold at the GHYLA.**
 - e. Ribbon placing will be at the discretion of the official judge based on quality and yield grade.
 - f. Lambs must be born after January 1st of the auction year.

29. The following rules apply specifically to **SWINE**:
 - a. Hogs will be sold by the pound. All sales are final.
 - b. Market hogs must be either gilts or barrows, and must be recognized meat breeds.
 - c. Market hogs (**225 lb. minimum weight and no maximum weight**) must grade at least #2 to qualify for sale. **Hogs weighing more than 300 lbs. will be listed in the sale program as 300 lbs. and must be judged as a blue ribbon in order to be sold at the GHYLA.**
 - d. USDA#1= blue, USDA#2=red, and USDA#3 and below=white. Ribbon placing will be at the discretion of the official judge based on quality and yield grade.
 - e. Hogs must be born after January 1st of the auction year.

30. The following rules apply specifically to **GOATS**:
 - a. All goats must have scrapies identification.
 - b. Goats will be sold by the pound. All sales are final.
 - c. Market goats must be either wethers or does. Bucks are not allowed. Market goats must be all meat goat breeds. Dairy crosses are not allowed.
 - d. Market goats are to be clipped and not have over ½” hair at the GH Co. Fair.
 - e. Market goats should have all their baby teeth and be dehorned prior to tagging.
 - f. Market goats (**80 lb. minimum weight and no maximum weight**) must grade USDA Choice or better to qualify for the sale. **Goats weighing more than 115 lbs will be listed in the sale program as 115 lbs and must be judged as a blue ribbon in order to be sold at the GHYLA.**
 - g. Goats will be between six and eleven months of age. Ribbon placing will be at the discretion of the official judge based on quality and yield grade.

31. The following rules apply specifically to a **PEN of 3 CHICKENS**.
 - a. Chickens will be sold as a pen of three by the pound. All sales are final.
 - b. The minimum weight of each bird is 4.5 lbs. with no maximum weight. They must be a recognized meat breed. The maximum age of Cornish Cross chickens is 8 weeks. The maximum age of all other meat breeds is 12 weeks. Poultry may be either sex. All poultry in the pen of three must be the same breed. Ribbon placing will be at the discretion of the official judge based on quality and yield grade.
 - c. All chickens need to have official paperwork indicating hatch date submitted with quality assurance paperwork.

32. The following rules apply specifically to **TURKEYS**:
 - a. Turkeys will be sold by the pound. All sales are final.
 - b. The minimum weight of each bird is 15 lbs. for hens and 20 lbs. for toms and the maximum weight is 35 lbs. for hens or toms. Birds must be between 14-18 weeks of age and be a broad breasted breed.
 - c. All turkeys must have official paperwork indicating hatch date submitted with quality assurance paperwork.

33. The following rules apply specifically to **RABBITS**:
 - a. Rabbits will be sold as a pen of three by the pound. All sales are final.
 - b. The minimum weight of each rabbit is 4.5 lbs. with no maximum weight. They must be a recognized meat breed by the American Rabbit Breeders Association. Crossbred meat breed animals are allowed. The maximum age of the rabbits is 12 weeks. Rabbits may be either sex. Ribbon placing will be at the discretion of the official judge based on meat quality and yield grade. Pelt color and quality will not be a disqualifying factor.

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